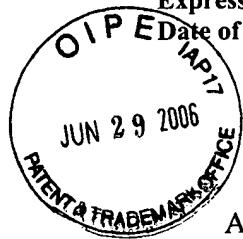


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APPLICANTS: Rothberg et al. CONFIRMATION NUMBER: 6233
 SERIAL NUMBER: 09/814,338 EXAMINER: YOUNG J. KIM
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 FOR: **METHOD OF SEQUENCING A NUCLEIC ACID**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3)-month extension of time to file a Notice of Appeal of the above-identified non-provisional application, in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2005. Applicants previously petitioned and paid for a two (2)-month extension of time for the response which was filed on May 30, 2006.

The difference between the fee for a three (3)-month extension and a two (2)-month extension (\$570.00) is enclosed herewith. A check in the amount of \$570.00, in payment of the petition fee, for a large entity, is provided. With the extension, the term for response or taking action in this application expires on Thursday, June 29, 2006.

The Director is authorized to charge all fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21465-501 CIP2, Customer No. 35437.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212-935-3000, New York, New York. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 29, 2006

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